reviewing the evidence taken by their grand jury stenographically, imposes upon men a most difficult task.

Many witnesses who know important facts are unfriendly to what I am engasted in. I have no power to compel them to make statements and I cannot even make them swear to the statement that they give me, but I have carefully investigated every statement that I present to you and I feel perfectly configent that every one of them is bused upon facts.

The Electoral Board.

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As my metion contemplates the removal of the Electoral Board, as well as setting aside the election, it seems proper that I shall submit here a preliminary remark or two upon the Electoral Board, though the evidence, as it develops, will apply liself in many instances to that board.

beard.
The Electoral Board was appointed by the judge of the Hustings Court after the new Constitution was adopted. As first appointed, it consisted of T. Wiley Davis, F. C. Ebel and Samuel Cohen, Mr. Davis attended one meeting of the board, was made president of it, and after he had held his appointment three-quarters of an hour, he resigned from the board, necording to his statement to me. The judge then appointed Mr. W. T. Hancock in his place, and the board has remained from that time to this, Messrs, Hancock, Ebel and Cohen. In spite of Mr. Hancock's generous effort to assume a share of the responsibility, the public mind is entirely satisfied that he is in no way responsible for the acts of the board that are going to be commented on here. If proper investigation is made, I think I risk nothing in saying that Messrs, Ebel and Cohen will appear to be alone responsible in those acts.

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sponsible in those acts.

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There is a gentleman in this city whose connection with our elections it is important to state. He is Clyde W. Saunders. Whether his influence upon the elections is for good or for bad, certainly this can be said, that, very few, if any, elizens come in contact with them at so many points. An act of the Legislature was passed in March, 1904, that provided for the appointment of three commissioners by the Hustings Court to rearrange and revise the registration books of the city, so as to place each registered voter in the proper precinct and ward representatives' book, and Mr. Saunders was appointed one of those commissioners. Of the officers of clection on June 20, 1906, nine were appointed, according to Mr. Ebel's statement, upon the recommendation of Mr. Saunders's recommendation, according to Mr. Saunders's recommendation, according to Mr. Saunders's recommendation, according to Mr. Ebel, are Messrs, Jackson Wise and J. W. Perelval. I have seen a statement in Mr. Ebel's handwriting that Perelval was appointed upon his recommendation. Perclval is a foreman of Mr. Saunders's printing establishment. He is believed to be so potential in our elections that, as I am informed, every candidate in the primary on June 20th felt compelled to have his cards, etc., printed by Mr. Saunders, But because they thought it wise that he should not be antagonistic to them. This statement has been made to me by three of the candidates.

For Smith and Folkes.

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J. C. Smith, a candidate for city sergent in the primary of June 29th, had relations with the officers of elections which were improper and to be censured. There were four meetings just before the primary, held in his interest, that were attended by several election officers. One was held at the city jall, and three of the judges of election, who were also registrars, attended it. At this meeting the voters were called off into gangs of ten, and a captain for each ten was

wealth's attorney.

There was a book which figured in this meeting that had all the appearance of a registration book, that had been furnished by Clyde W. Saunders. All the persons ranned in Lucas's paper can prove these statements, but particularly

of ten. Was it not also to ascertain who had not gaid poll taxes?

Activity of Syrcle.

It becomes important now to say something of a gentleman named Robert Lee Syrcle, or J. R. Syrcle, as he goes by

Syrcle has been here for a long time in intimate association with J. C. Smith, The statement of Claiborne Epps, shows that he was very active for Smith before the primary election, and that he rode about with him from place to place in his buggy. A short time prior to the primary, he rented from C. Donati, space at these ball grounds for a sign, board with

Syrcle was very busy paying delinquent

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Ward, accompanied by Robert Lee Syrcie, appeared at the house of J. W. Carmody, No. 210 East Broad Street, which is within the Third Precinct of Monroe, and applied to him to rent a bed-room from him for the months of May and June, He him for the months of May and June, He told Carmody he wanted the room for himself and one, L. K. Culbertion, Culbertson was born and raised in Richmond, but he left this city five or six years back and was supposed to have been in the service of a transportation company in Philadelphia in the mean time. He reappeared here some two months before the primary election dressed in a valtery of some sort. He was a perfect

ns liest he could.

Carmedy told Wise that Culbertson was
"unclean," and should not stay in his
house. That he had been occasionly
sneaking into the back kitchen and sleepsneaking into the back kitchen and sleeping there, but that he had given orders
that this must be stopped, Carmody rented the room to Wise, but stated that his
room-keeper. Cosby, in a discussion
arising between himself and Wise after
the election, had told Wise that neither
he nor Culbertson ever slept a night in
the room, that they would have had to
break the door down if they did, as he,
Cosby, had had the key to it in his pocket
all the time. Whether they ever slept in
the room or not, it is perfectly plain that
it was not rented in good faith, but as
a sham and a false pretense to get up it was not rented in good faith, but as a sham and a false pretense to get up an apparent residence by both of them in the Third Precinct of Monroe Ward, that would qualify them to the officers there when a vacancy occurred.

Recommended By Saunders.

On or about the 26th of May, after the registrar moved out of the ward and resigned, Clyde W. Saunders recommended Jackson Wise to the Electoral Board as a proper person to be made judge and registrar, and the board appointed him

judge and registrar.
Claiborne Epps went to Messrs, Cohen Claiborne Epps went to Messrs, Cohen and Ebel and protested against this point, he told them that Wise was a disreputable character, and that he lived in another ward, but they refused to pay any attention to what he told them, and dily installed him as judge and registrar. Two or three days before the primary, Culbertson fell in with N. F. Norvell, who had known him all his life. Norvell wished to see Epps elected sergeant, but Cul-bertson thought he was for Smith, he asked Norvell if he was going to vote statement of Claiborne Epps, shows that he was very active for Smith before the primary election, and that he rode about with him from place to place in his buggy. A short time prior to the primary, he rented from C. Donati, space at base-bail grounds for a sign-board with "Vote for J. C. Smith for City Sergeant, Subject to the Democratic Primary," printed on it.

Smith paid Donati \$5 for the rent, and he paid H. P. Lamson \$12 for painting the sign.

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Syrele contracted with W. S. Burton & Co., to print and post a number of postals advertising Smith as a candidate for city sergeant in the primary, and the same was paid for by J. C. Smith,

Syrele left Richmond soon after the primary, and was gone until the latter part of August. J. C. Smith has two trotting horses that have been trotting during August on the Now England circuit; they were at Reidville, near Boston, Mass., in the latter part of August. Captain Alex. Tomlineon found them there at that time, and he found Robert Lee Syrele was very busy paying delinquent

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Syrcle there also.

Syrcle was very busy paying delinquent poli taxes in the interest of some one in the early days of siny. A more detailed account of this will be given later on. A part of what is next to be stated depends for proof upon the testimony of J. W. Carmody. But this individual is inimical to the enterprise I am engaged in, and refuses to give me a written statement. I am compelled, therefore, to prove otherwise what he knows, in April, 1965, there was no vacancy in the election offices at Third donroe Precinet. The judge who was also registrar there, resigned, and moved out of the ward about the middle or latter part of April, one, Jackson Wise, who did not live in the Third Precinct of Monroe and It is plain that somebody knew in April that this was going to happen. In the latter part of April, one, Jackson Wise, who did not live in the Third Precinct of Monroe to Commonwealth's Attorney were stolen and credited to Folkes. This fraud may some to lunch, but whenever it was done, and it is perfectly evident that as early as April a plot was formed to take possession of the Third Precinct of Monroe was seen to lunch, but whenever it was done, and it is perfectly evident that as early as April a plot was formed to take possession of the Third Precinct of Monroe, and that the Electoral Board was most obliging in refusing to open its take possession of the Third Precinct of the Monroe and the Electoral Hoard was most obliging in refusing to open its take possession of the Third Precinct of this transaction.

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At Second Lee,

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The officers of election at Second Lee Ward in the primary of June 20th, were J. H. Beveridge and Peter Krug, judges, and J. W. Percival, clerk. They were all regular State officers of election, appointed by the Electoral Board and adopted for the purpose of the primary by the City Democratic Committee.

The ballot box at this precinct was stuffed with fraudulent ballots during the primary election and the grand jury has indicted the three officers named for doing it. Dr. Chas. V. Carrington went to Mr. F. C. Ebel and protested against Deveridge being a judge at this precinct, stating as his reason that he knew that Beverldge had taken money from a Candidate while acting as an election officer. Mr. W. A. Mann went with Mr. W. D. Butler to Mr. Samuel Cohen and pro-

accordingly stuffed.

Poil Taxes Paid.

The law forbids emuldales for office to pay poil taxes in order to qualify voters to vote for them. May the 6th was the last day poil taxes could be paid in order to qualify voters for the primary election. Nearly 700 poil taxes were paid on May 6th and 6th, and Robert Lee Syrele was very industriates on these two days in paying poil taxes. The records of the treasurer's office show the poil taxes paid and the officers in the office will state that syrele was there paying taxes. For the purpose of receiving these poil taxes, the purpose of receiving these poil taxes, the wards instead of being ontered by their names are noted as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Number 2 is Jefferson Ward. The day begins on May 6th with twenty names as paid in ward No. 2 consecutively one after the other. It is possible that twenty citizens of Jefferson Ward went up to gether on May 6th and paid one after the other, to the exclusion of citizens from all of the other wards, but it is very improbable that such a thing happened. Poll Taxes Paid.

the other, to the exclusion of citizens from all of the other wards, but it is very improbable that such a thing happened.

This matter is one of such vital importance to our city that I cannot forbear to make a few suggestions to the committee. Suppose a case of two or more of the Electoral Board combining to exclude the third from any part in numing the election officers, and these two then entering into an arrangement with a political boss in the city, whereby he was permitted to name them all, to be appointed by the Electoral Board, just as he named them. Obviously, under this arrangement, the boss could in a short time, by a process of weeding out the honest officers and substituting dishonest ones, get control of every ballot box in the city and then he could proceed to make the city sovernment just what he wanted it to be. He could make the judges, the Commonwealth's attorney, the city sergeant, his tools. He could appoint the Council's and Board of Aldermen, and thereafter the city's treasury would be imposed upon the property of the citizens at what rate he pleased to dictate.

Let me quote to you an extract from a recent Philadelphia paper, giving some account of what a boss' control of the cletton machine did in that city:

"Sworn evidence in possession of the committee of seventy establishes the fact that no less than sixty-five thousand bogus ballots were cast at the municipal election held in February last, and there is evidence in the possession of District Attorney Bell, proving that dead men, infants, girls, boys, dogs, cats and peanuts were voted and counted.

"Men are now in fall who permitted ballots were in the boxes before magistrate Gorman that in one division all of the ballots where in the boxes before noon on election day, and that all voters who appeared at the pols during the rest of the day were tricked into casting sample ballots, which, of course, were not counted. "The plain, soope and daring of the fraud startled even the hardened leaders of the Republican organization, who now

The Affidavits.

affidavits accompanying Royall's petition are numerous and bear out the statement made by him. Indeed, nearly every statement of alleged facts nearly every statement of alleged facts is an epitome of what the affidavit bearing upon that particular matter says; For instance, Dr. Carington tells in some detail why he opposed the reappointment of Mr. Beveridge; N. F. Norvell states that Culbertson told him that Syrice had given him 55 with which to pay his poil him \$5 with which to pay his poll given him \$5 with which to pay his pointax, and that Syrcle asked for the recepts so that he might show them to J. C. Smith; Mr. W. A. Klevesahi and H. L. Lawson state that J. R. Syrcle gave them orders for campaign advertisement, for which J. C. Smith paid; and W. L. Royall, H. Bayliss Epps and H. C. Epps make statements regarding conversations Royall, H. Bayliss Epps and H. C. Epps make statements regarding conversations had with J. W. Carmody, of No. 210 East. Broad Street, about Jackson Wise renting a room last April and asked that Cubertson be ollowed to stop with him. These are probably the four most interesting statements sworn to:

William L. Royall, Esq.:

teresting statements sworn to:
William L. Royall, Esq.:
Dear Sir.—Soon after S. Cohen was appointed to the Electoral Board, Mr. W.
D. Burton and myself went to him and told him that the voters at Second Precinct of Lee Ward were not satisfied to have J. H. Beveridge, Peter Krug and to have J. II. Beverldge, Peter Krug and J. W. Percival officers of election there, and we asked him to have them removed. We submitted to him the following names of reputable citizens who had agreed to gerve as election officers there: II. C. Sims, F. C. Carr, E. Dalton, A. Helzholzer, and Thomas Brannon, all well known business men. The men complained of were not removed, but remained in office, F. C. Carr being appointed a clerk.

W. A. MANN.

I was one of the of the regular Stare judges at the Third Precinct of Monroe Ward, and I acted as judge in the primary election held on the 20th of June, 1805.

June, 1905.

I went to the polling place early in the morning, and as I got there I saw Jackson Wise approaching with another man, whom I afterwards learned to be L. R. Culbertson.

They held the election books and two tallot boxes. I asked Wise who the other man was, and he said he was a friend of his named Culbertson; that he was all right, and that he was going to swear him in as clerk, which he did.

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Richmond, Va., Sept. 2, 1935.

Mr. W. L. Royall, attorney-at-law city:
Dear Sir.—According to your request, I
called on Mr. Ebel, member of the Bloctoral Board, and showed him a list of
names, asking him at the same time
which of these were appointed efficers
of the recent primary at the recommendation—of Mr. C. W. Saundors, I
explained to Mr. Ebel that the information was desired in connection with the
new contest for a new primary new in
progress.

Air, Ebol stated that he had no records of which officials were appointed at the request or recommendation of Mr. Saunders, but that, according to his memory and to the best of his knowledge and belief, that almo of the primary officers were appointed at the recommendation of Mr. Saunders and that Mr. Jackson Wise was one of those so appointed. Yours very truly,

I was at four meetings of J. C. Smith's. The meeting at Jall was attended by the following: Marshall Boyle, registrar at Fouris Jefferson, F. W. Polkes, registrar Third Jefferson; P. L. Smith, registrar Third Marshall, and others.

thers.
Those present at T. W. Folkes's house,
L. Smith, registrar Third Marshall;
W. Folkes, registrar Third Jefferson,

some others.

Meeting at Jim Taylor's same as Glbbons's meeting including R. L. Syrcle A. L. LUCAS.

(Bigned) A. L. LUCAS.

Richmond, Va., August 21, 1905.

MR. CHURCHMAN.

Augusta County Man Full-Fledg-

ed Candidate for Speaker. ed Candidate for Speaker.

Hon. John W. Churchman, of Augusta, was here, attending the meeling of the State Committee yesterday, and incidentally looking out for his fight for Speaker, for which he is a full-fledged candidate.

Hon. Edward Echols is warmly for Mr. Churchman, and in discussing the subject last night said:

the people from the valley countries and I expect to see him win."
Captain W. D. Cardwell, of Hanover, is also a candidate, and was looking after his fight about the lobbles. Colonel R. E. Lee, Jr., is another aspirant for the

SELECT HEADQUARTERS.

Chairman Ellyson and Colonel Button to Talk Matter Over.

The Democratic campaign will be formally opened within about ten days. Conferences relating to the conduct of the fight were frequent during the meeting of the State Committee here this week, and the leaders are well satisfied with the authork.

Congressman Swanson will go to his home in Chatham to-day and will he ready to enter the battle whenever Mr. Ellyson says the word. It is expected that many Democratic speeches will be made on September 18th, and it is not unlikely that the campaign will really

be started on that date.

Chairman Ellyson will shortly select rooms for headquarters and will open up a little later on, with Colonel Joseph Button in charge.
Mr. Ellyson and Colonel Button

talk the matter over and probably lect the rooms to-day.

MADE NO PROMISES.

Congressman Swanson Not Now Considering Appointments.

Considering Appointments.

Congressman Claude A. Swanson, the Democratic nominee for Governor, was in the city last night and is in fine spirits. Mr. Swanson stated that he had heard various, rumors in connection that he had heard various, rumors in connection promised, in case he should be elected Governor of Virginia. He said that these rumors were without foundation; that he had made no promises and would make none until he was duly elected Governor, that while he was confident of election it would be premature for him to consider or to reach a conclusion in such matters until he was elected. He said he was not now considering appointments, but preparing for his campaign.

Order Bills Paid.

The City Democratic Committee held a brief session last night and ordered the bills paid incident to the recent primary. It was decided to pay those officers whose services were not volunteered at the rate of \$5 per day. It is estimated that about one-third of the officers were volunteers. The committee decided to leave the management of the campaign with the Executive Committee.

Action Endorsed.

Maj. J. N. Stubbs, of Gloucester, has written Hon. Isaac Diggs a letter denying that he said in a speech at Gloucester Courthouse that he did not authorize the publication of the allogations in his intended contest for senator. The letter fully endorses everything Mr. Diggs did in the matter.

Mr. Flood to Speak. Congressman Hal D. Flood, of Appo-lattox, has promised Chairman James

mattox, has promised Chairman James B. Doherty, of the Cily Democratic Com-mittee, to make at least one speech here during the fall campaign. Mr. Flood is one of the most vigorous and forceful speakers on the Democratic side in the State.

Mr. Foster Named.

The Democrats of Patrick county have named Mr. J. E. Foster for the House of Delegates to succeed Hon. A. F.

Heptasophs Meet.

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The district convention of Heptasophs met at Murphy's Hotel yesterday aftermoon at 5 o'clock, with the following representatives present, E. G. Haden, of Charlottesville, Va.; R. N. Northen, J. Samuel Parrish, Joseph B. Welsh, W. T. Tyree, of Richmond; C. A. Raines, of Manchester, Va. Mr. J. Samuel Parrish was elected chairman and Mr. R. N. Northen, secretary. Mr. Lawronce, P. Pool, of Manchester, was elected district deputy supreme archon and Mr. R. G. Haden, of Charlottesville, Va., as alternate. After the business session the following addressed the convention the behalf of the order; Mr. Thos. B. Hicks, supreme provost; Mr. Henry Plessenheimer, member of the committee on laws and appeals; also Mossys J. Samuel Parrish, E. G. Haden, L. P. Pool, R. N. Northen and C. A. Raines.

Naval Orders.

The following orders have been issued by the Navy Department, Bureau of Navigation, Washington, September 8th: Lieutenant-Commander J. G. Quinby, dotached "Franklin," Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va., to Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va. to Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va. September 8, 1935, for court-martial duty; Lieutenant-Commander B. F. Hutchison, to "Franklin," Navy Yard, Norfolk, Ya., September 8, 1946, as executive officer.

and the election was held with Culbertson acting as clerk. About the middle of the day I left the polls for half an hour, leaving Wise and Culbertson in hour, leaving Wise and Culbertson in N. SOMMA. Sold Mutual Building, Richmond, Van. Sept. 2, 1805. Richmond, Van. Sept. 2, 1805.

Secretary Puts Total for 1904-5 at 13,565,885 Bales-Other Estimates.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 8.-Secretary Hester's annual report was lasued in full to-day. He puts the cotton crop for 1901-'05 at 13,565,885 bales, an increase of 8,554,511 over that of 1803-'04. He says that compared with last year,

in round figures, Texas, including Indian Territory, has increased 708,000 bales. The group known as other Gulf States,

dian Territory, has increased 708,000 baies. The group known as other Guif States, consisting of Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tonnessee, Missouri, Oklahoma, Utah and Kansas, has increased 1,106,000, and the group of Atlantic States, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky and Virginia, has gained 1,741,000.

He puts the average commercial value of this crop at \$628,105,350, against \$617,501,548 last year and the total value of the crop at \$628,105,350, against \$617,501,548 last year and the total value of the crop at \$628,105,350, against \$617,501,548 last year and \$480,770,282 the year before. Referring to values he gives letails of prices showing that, taking the cotton belt as a whole, the highest figure for middling, 113-16 cents per pound at the opening of the season in September, and the lowest 61-2 cents on the 20th of December, but says that the crop, as a whole, averaged strict middling, and that the average walue per poind was \$98-100 cents, compared with 12 16-100 last year. In reference to weight, he puts the average per bale at 515-58-100 pounds, showing a gain over last year of 7.89-100. This crop, he says, is the heaviest in weight per bale of any recorded. The best previous weight having been \$13.05 in 1898-798, the year of the largest previously reported crop.

Mr. Hester remarks that while cach and every crop has had its distinctive features, the story of none is fraught with circumstances so peculiar and interesting as the one just marketed. It is not to be wondered at that when in December last the Agricultural Department put forth an estimate pointing to more than twelve and a quarter million bales, a feeling akin to epanle was feling to this monster crop has been han-

He puts the spindles in the South at 9,205,949 against 8,615,359 last year. The not gains in the number of Southerr mills over last year has been fifteen

mills over last year has been fifteen, making the number 777.

Mr. Hester puts the world's consumption of American cotton at 11,833,000 bales, against 10,193,000 last year and 10,376,000 the year before, an increase over last year of 1,630,000, and over the year before of 1,007,000. He makes the total visible and invisible supply of American cotton in the world at the close of August 2d, 2,767,000 bales, against 1,031,000 last year, an increase of 1,726,000 over last year.

TRYING TO IMPROVE TRADE RELATIONS

(By Associated Press.)
OYSTER BAY, L. I., September 8,—II was announced by the President to-day that Judge William L. Penfield, solicitof the State Lepartment, had been designated by him to make an investigation of the trade negotiations between the countries of South America and those of Europe, with a view to improving America's commerce with the country lying to the south of the United States.

SUCCEED MR. SWANSON. Speculation Going On Among the

Fifth District Democrats.

There is much gossip going on among Democratis in the Fifth District concerning the probable successor of Congressman Swanson, when he shall become Governor, and un to this time it is hard to make an intelligent guess as who will capture the honor. The subject was much discussed here during the meeting of the State Committee. Former Senator R. A. James, of Danville, owner and editor of the Register and Hon. E. J., Harvey, of Patrick, were both at Murphy's last night. Mr. James stated in answer to a question that he was in no sense a candidate, Mr. Harvey had given the matter little or no Mr. James stated in answer to a question that he was in no sense a candidate. Mr. Harvey had given the matter little or no thought, but it was learned that the lighting might strike somewhere close to him. Mr. Harvey is a strong man, and may be named. If Judge Saunders shall consent to run he would probably win the nomination without a struggle. In such an event, knowing ones say the successor of the bellint jurist on the bench would be either Senator Harvey or Mr. William Leigh, of Danville.

CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF CONTRACTORS ORDERED

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, September 3.—The
criminal prosecution of Morris Busch,
contractor, and Robert Chariton, inspector, was ordered to-day by acting Secre-

or, was ordered to-day by acting Secre-tary of War Oliver.

Busch holds a contract with the quar-termaster department of the army to furnish fur caps and gauntlets to be delivered at the Schulykill arsenal, Phil-adelphia. The order for prosecution is taken on the strength of a report re-cently made by Major F. S. Strong, in which it is shown that a conspiracy to defraud the government existed between Busch and Charlton.

Big Brass Theft.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALIBBURY, N. C., September 8.—
Southern Railway Detectives Burton, Carnellson and Jordan this afternoon captured 1.200- pounds of valuable brass, which had been stolen from Southern Railway Company on the Asheville division. The metal was being shipped from Cleveland when the theft was detected, Three negroes are lodged in jail here, on the charge of committing the theft, Spanish War Veterans.

MILWAUKEE, WIB., September S.— United Spanish War Veterans to-day shose Washington for the next meeting blace and elected as commander-in-chief, Major Charles R. Miller, of Cleveland The question of separate camps for colored veterans did not come up for con-sideration.

Mr. Stokes to Sing at St. Paul's
Mr. J. H. Stokes will be the leading
tenor at St. Paul's Church this season.
Mr. Stokes is a native of England, and
has spent much time in New York. He
was leading tenor at All Baints' last season.

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ALLEGED COLLUSION IN BIG PANAMA CONTRACT

Nebraska Firm to Feed and House Canal Employes-Millions

Involved. (By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, September 8.-Chairman Shonts, of the Panama Canal Commission, announced to-day that he had awarded a concession for feeding and housing the greater part of the canal employes to J. E. Markel, of Omaha, Nob. Following a month's visit to Panprehensive settlement, which includes the early establishment of ten hotels along canal and railroad, each of their to accommodate from 150 to 250 lodgers and twice as many diners, and also 120

commissive camps.

The amount involved in the contract, which covers a period of five years, will become operative as soon as Mr. Market concludes certain prelaminaries, is not disclosed, but runs into millions of dol-

Balfe and Company, and Hudgins H. Baire and Company, and Rudgins and Dunias, both firms of this city, who were the only other bidders for the Pana concession, to-day sent telegrams and letters to Prosident Rogsevelt at Oyster Bay, protesting against the award of the contract to J. E. Markel.

They allege collusion, intimating that there was a predisposition to award the contract to Markel.

The Solar Eclipse of 1905.

The great astronomical event of the year will be the total solar eclipse of August 30th. The pathway of shadow begins at sunrise, south of Hudson Bay, onters the Atlantic Ocean, a short distance north of Newfoundland, crosses northeastern Spain, northeastern Agiers, and northeastern Spain, and northern Tunis, passes centrally over Assuan on the Nile, and ends at sunset in southeastern Arabia. The duration of totality on the coast of Labrador, in Spain, and at Assuan, is two and a half, three and three-fourths, and two and three-fifths minutes, respective-

two and three-fifths minutes, respectively. Yet in that short interval, much may be learned with regard to the corona, that mysterious crown of pearly light that surcounds the sun and can be seen only at the time of a total cellpso. There is nothing of special interest until the solar disk is mostly covered by the moon as it glides between the sun and the carth. Then a peculiar change is noticed in the appearance of the sky, which becomes tinted with a grayish hue as at evening. The shadows cast by the foliage begin to look unusual, for the foliage begin to look unusual, for light shining through every small dece among the leaves, instead of forming a little circle on the earth, makes a little crescent, an image of the partly covered the darkness begins to be felt and a sens of uneasiness pervades the scene. Birds cease their song and hasten to their nests twittering to each other as at twilight, grasshoppers cease their chirping, and even the flowers have been known to close their petals as at twi-

light.

At the same time the air becomes decidely chilly, and sometimes dew appears. In a few moments, if the observer faces the western horizon, the moon's shadow is seen approaching much like a mighty thunder storm. It adis seen approaching much like a highly wave or a heavy thunder-storm. It advances with terrifying swiftness, until it envelops him as with a shroud. Where the shadow falls very obliquely, as it does when an eclipse occurs near sunrise or sunset, the advance of the shadow along the street and the street as a great as the earth's surface may reach as great a velocity as four or five thousand miles an hour. An observer named Forbes, who once had an opportunity for observing the onrushing shadow, from the Superga at Turin, which commands a magnificent view, gives this thrilling account of his experience: i perceived," he says, "in the southwest, a black shadow like that of a storm about to break, which obscured the Alps, It was the lunar shadow coming toward us. I confess it was the most terrifying sight I ever saw. As always happens in the case of sudden, silent, unexpected moments, the spectator confounds real and ease of sudden, silent, unexpected mo-ments, the spectator confounds real and relative motion. I felt almost giddy for a moment, as though the massive build-ing under me bowed on the side of the coming sclipse."—collier's.

Mrs. E. D. Thornfon and sisters, Misses Annie and Ellen Holman, of No. 208 North Nineteenth Street, will leave to-day for a visit to their old home in

day for a visit to their out some the Buckingham county.

Among the arrivals in Boston yesterday in the Eager party from Naples, were the Misses Hatcher, daughters of Dr. Hatcher, who have spent the summer these

abroad.

Miss Judith Kemp, daughter of Mr. T.

II. Kemp, commissioner of revenue of
Henrico, left yesterday to attend the
Mary Baldwin Seminary in Staunton.

Rev. Dr. Cecil, D. D., will preach at
the Second Presbyterian Church to-morrow morning at the regular hour.

Mr. John Donovan and sister, Margaret,
of Howard's Grove, have returned from
a childware Md.

of Howards and triends and friends in Baltimore, Md.
Mrs. Robert S. Christian and family have returned to Richmond after a delightf ulsummer at their country home in Albemarie.

For Civil Service.

There will be a civil service examination in the Federal building in this city on November 22d for eligibles to the city on November 22d for eligibles to the city of the lists. Applications must be made to L. H. Fisher, secretary, Fourth District, Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., before the hour of closing business on October 16th, 1906. September.

Thou art strenuous—effusive—coy September, and clusive
Are the promises thy breezes waft anew;
From aloof we look askance, at the weird and queer sauce
Thou'rt enacting in arena now in view. Dost thou presage revolution—quaint Sep-tember—evolution? Thou'rt a stranger up against our nether

door: would'st then draw the tinseled screens— hide away the summer scenes, And the luzy joys we've reveled in galore? Thou art fickle—aye, asthetic—strange
September, and erratic
Are the innovations thou dost keep in
store;
Thou would'st pelt the bird's wee huts,
of the woods, with dropping nuts;
Thou would'st paint in gold and crimson, hill and moor.

Then tell us, do, September, is it true that we remember
Thee, a gallant*knight, with plume of goldenrod?

Dost the Indian summer bring-is thy breath the autumn wind?
If thou art, then fit thou are for God. WARWICK ASHRY SLAVIN.

Marlinton, W. Va.

Corrected.

Liveryman-Excuse me, sir, but the laws

Laveryman—Excuse me, sir, but the laws of our union provide for a 10 per cent. of the before 3 P. M. After that the tip is 20 per cent. of the fare.

Pairon—Ohl 1 beg your par4op—
Tirockive I.Ife.

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'The Huckleberry Picnic' Polk Miller's Famous Song.

I look down de river, erbout de crack An' I seed a big commotion a mile erway,

De critters o' de fiel' an' de forest De animals all collected for to have a

little fun.

Dar was de Badger an' de B'yar, de Fox

Dar was de Badger an' de B'yar, de Fox an' de H'yar
De Otter an' de Coon, de Possum an' Babboon.
De Mink an' Kangaroo, de Wolf an' Weasel, too;
De Monkey an' de Owl was a settin' up a how!:

CHORUS.
Come Jine de huckleberry picnic,
It's gwine'ier take place to-day;
I's on de committee for to 'vite you all,
An' I ain' got long to stay-ay-ay-ay;
Come Jine de huckleberry picnic,
I ain' got long to stay-ay-ay-ay;
Come Jine de huckleberry picnic,
I ain' got long to stay.

De fus' thing dey done was to sweep oft
de groun':
Den dey all got ready for a big walk
aroun':
De Badger an' de B'yar dey jump Jim

De Fox an' de H'yar dey danced de heel

an' toe. De Otter an' de Coon dey cut de pidgin wing,
De Possum an' Babboon dey danced de
Highlan' filng;
Do Wildcat an' de Owl both began to

Long to'des noon de tables was set, An' dev brought out evything to eat dev

An' de Billy Goat an' de Pig struck up

An' dey brought out evything to eat dey could get; De Badger an' de B'yar took hash fran-

calso;
De Fox an' de H'yar took soup consume;
De Otter an' de Coon took fish cream,
sauce;
De Possum an' Babboon took Simmons a la frost;
De Pig got sick off o' canter meion vine;
De Gont got drunk off o' huckleberry

wive; De Mule had a fit, an' de Groun' Hog

died.

An' when dey was all chock full, de Hyena cried:—Chorus. Long to'des night dem varmunts got sick.
An' dey sent for de Ole Snake Doctor
quick;
Liko de railroad c'yars, his wings did
hum.

An' de little varmunts hollered: "Yarn'

he come!"

He feel de pulse o' de Badger an' de
B'yar,
Put Jimpson weed on de Fox an' do
H'yar;
He started for to open de hald o' de

Horse When de little varmunts hollered: "Hol on, boss;
'Tain' no use for to do like dat!
Dat ain' de place whar de misery's at!"—
Chorus

He tied de Monkey's tall wid a rope.

An' he look down his throte wid a mikerscope:

You ought to o' seen dat Monkey's tall, I declar fo' gracious, it turn right pale!

He rub it, an' rub it, but it warn no use, An' he paint it all over wid pokeberry juice:

Juice;
An' when dat Monkey took'n died,
He turned right over an' softly sighed:—
Chorus.

Flowers in Scilly Islands.

The Sellly Islands, as most people know, supply an immense quantity of the flowers which are retailed in London and other cities during the spring and sum-

nowers which are retailed in London and other cities during the spring and summer.

"The flower industry," said a recent visitor "supports nearly all the inhabitiants of the islands. The flowers in what are citiled the Tresco Gardens are a magnificent sight. Nowhere else in England are to be found such trees, shrubs and thowers.

"There are plants and shrubs from Australia, New Zenland, the Cape, China, Japan and the West Indies. They include plices, aloes, gum trees, glant cancellas, azabas, paims and tropical ferns of every variety. The whole make-up is a scene of fairylike splender. I doubt where in the world. Amid this wealth of bloom and leafage is a ruined abbey, and no ruins could stand in a more beautiful and romantic place.

"From the first of February until the last day of May, from 50 to 100 tons of flowers are shipped to Penzance every work from the nower farms, even the humblest of which is a sight worth traveling miles to see."

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